



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 5, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 5, 2004, which has been extended for two (2) months so as to expire on May 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which beings on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.